

NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE



NIC

VANCOUVER ISLAND, CANADA



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE

2023-2024 Academic Year



STUDY ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

North Island College international students study at three campuses on Vancouver Island.

Comox Valley Campus

Est. area population: 73,000
 Average summer temp. 22°C
 Average winter temp 7°C
discovercomoxvalley.com

Campbell River Campus

Est. area population: 37,500
 Average summer temp. 23°C
 Average winter temp 6.3°C
campbellriver.travel

Port Alberni Campus

Est. area population: 18,000
 Average summer temp. 23°C
 Average winter temp 5°C
portalbernitourism.ca

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 Nuuchahnulth

Gilakas'la
 Kwak'waka

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 Liq'wala

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 Island Comox

The above words mean 'welcome' in the four languages of the Nuuchahnulth, Kwakwaka'wakw, Liq'wala, and Coast Salish people.

NIC is honoured to acknowledge the traditional territories of the combined 35 First Nations of the Nuuchahnulth, Kwakwaka'wakw and Coast Salish traditions, on whose traditional and unceded territories the college's campuses are situated.

LIVE HERE AND STUDY AT NIC

20% Less tuition fee

compared to average annual college tuition

15% Lower living costs

compared to average costs in urban city centres

WORK HERE AFTER GRADUATION

Vancouver Island and Coastal Region is the second largest employment growth area in British Columbia.

77% of future jobs require post-secondary education to meet the needs of the 861,000 expected job openings in BC through 2029.

- Labour Market, Province of British Columbia

THE NIC **ADVANTAGE**

NIC Students Say*

97%

that they were well-prepared by NIC for further studies



Learn and succeed academically in smaller class settings

96%

that NIC's quality of instruction is high



Transfer to Top Universities across BC and Canada



High Employment Success, Great Future Job Forecast

92%

are satisfied with their education at NIC



Enjoy high quality of life on beautiful Vancouver Island

**DACSO survey of former NIC Diploma, Associate Degree and Certificate students*

Student Support

Starting your life in another country is a big step, but it doesn't have to be challenging. We are here to help you get the most out of your experience here at NIC. We are all in this together.

-  Office of Global Engagement Application and Admission Advising
-  International Student Advising
-  Library, Learning Commons and Tutoring
-  Counselling Services
-  Student Life and Leadership

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My educational advisor in Colombia helped me find out about NIC's DIGITAL Design + Development programs —I really liked the format and structure.

I'm building a portfolio and working towards my goal of becoming a graphic designer to create work that makes a social impact. ”

- Natalia Moreno

2nd year, Communication Design Diploma



ADMISSION TO NIC

□ CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAM

Check the available intakes and additional admission requirements.

□ APPLY ONLINE

Go to educationplannerbc.ca to submit your online application along with your supporting documents.

□ MAKE THE TUITION PAYMENT

Once accepted, follow the steps in the letter to submit any outstanding documents and make the tuition deposit payment to secure your seat in the program.

□ APPLY FOR STUDY PERMIT

Submit your study permit application together with Letter of Acceptance.

Minimum Admission Requirements

- 18 years of age prior to or within the first term of study
- High school graduation or equivalent
- Meet the minimum English proficiency requirement (see below)
- Post-graduate programs require successful completion of minimum 3-year degree from a recognized post-secondary institution
- Other academic and admission requirements for your chosen program (for example: Grade 11 math)

Do I need a counselor/agent?

If you are from India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Philippines, Nepal, Sri Lanka or Nigeria, you are required to work with an NIC authorized agent. To find an agent, visit www.international.nic.bc.ca

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

BC CURRICULUM	ACADEMIC IELTS	TOEFL IBT	TOEFL (CODE 8538)	CAEL	PTE ACADEMIC	DUOLINGO ENGLISH TEST
English 12 C	6.0 Overall All sections 5.5 minimum	80 No subsection below 19	550	60 and Writing 60	54 Overall No component less than 46	105 overall

If you meet requirements academically but don't meet the English requirements, you may be offered conditional admission through one of our English Language Pathway schools.

Improve your English first

Apply to NIC's Language Pathway schools and NIC at the same time and gain guaranteed admission into NIC's academic programs. Upon successful completion of required courses at one of our Language Pathway partners, you can smoothly transition into NIC's academic program.



GV6 Level with minimum 80% average grade and minimum 80% attendance



LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

A1 completion with B or higher



PW3.2 completion (level 15)



SPROTT SHAW LANGUAGE COLLEGE

EPE certificate with minimum coursework grade of 70% at SSLC



LSI Advanced (Level 5) with a minimum score of 80% on tests and assignments completed during the last 4 weeks of the program

For more information on how to enroll in one of NIC's Partner schools contact the language school.

FIND YOUR PROGRAM

AREAS OF STUDY	LENGTH	INTAKES			CAMPUS CV/CR/PA	CO-OP	WIL	ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS	EST. COST PER YEAR (CAD \$)
		SEP	JAN	MAY					
ARTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY - UNIVERSITY DEGREE TRANSFER									
HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES									
Associate of Arts Degree	2 YEARS	Sep	Jan	May	CV			Math 11	\$16,015
Criminology Diploma	2 YEARS	Sep	Jan		CV				\$16,015
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH									
Associate of Science Degree	2 YEARS	Sep	Jan		CV			Math 12, Grade 12 Sciences	\$16,015
Computer Information Systems Certificate	1 YEAR	Sep			CV		✓	Math 11	\$18,786
Engineering Foundation Certificate	1-2 YEARS	Sep			CV			Math 12, Chemistry 12, Physics 12	\$18,341
UNIVERSITY STUDIES & DEGREE TRANSFER									
University Studies	2 YEARS	Sep	Jan	May	CV			Math 11	\$16,015
University of Victoria Guaranteed Admission	2 YEARS	Sep	Jan	May	CV				\$16,015
Vancouver Island University Dual Admission	2 YEARS	Sep			CV				\$16,015
BUSINESS - UNDERGRADUATE									
Business Administration Certificate	1 YEAR	Sep	Jan	May	CV			Math 11	\$16,028
Business Administration Diploma	2 YEARS	Sep	Jan	May	CV		✓		\$16,028
Bachelor of Business Administration Accounting	4 YEARS	Sep	Jan		CV		✓		\$16,028
Bachelor of Business Administration Marketing	4 YEARS	Sep	Jan	May	CV		✓		\$16,028
Bachelor of Business Administration General Management	4 YEARS	Sep	Jan	May	CV		✓		\$16,028
BUSINESS - GRADUATE									
Business Administration Post Degree Diploma	1 YEAR	Sep	Jan		CV			Math 11, Degree Completion	\$16,015
Business Administration Post Degree Diploma Global Business Management	2 YEARS	Sep	Jan		CV/CR		✓		\$14,460
Business Administration Post Degree Diploma Pre-Professional Accountant	2 YEARS	Sep	Jan		CV		✓		\$14,460
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - UNDERGRADUATE									
Early Childhood Care & Education - Infant Toddler Specialization	2 YEARS	Sep	Jan		CV/CR/PA		✓	IETLS 6.0 all band, Requisite Skills and Abilities documents* and Reference	\$16,838
Human Services - Educational Assistant/Community Support Certificate	1 YEAR	Sep			CV		✓		\$18,116
Human Services - Educational Assistant/Community Support, Indigenous Focus Certificate (Year 1)	1 YEAR	Sep			PA		✓		\$19,670
Human Services Diploma (Year 2)	1 YEAR	Sep			CV		✓		\$20,000
Social Service Diploma	2 YEARS	Sep			CV		✓		\$18,609
TRADES AND TECHNICAL - UNDERGRADUATE									
ELECTRONICS & INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION									
Electronics Technician Core Certificate (Year 1)	1 YEAR	Sep			CR		✓	IETLS 6.0 all band, Math 11	\$16,882
Industrial Automation Technician Diploma (Year 2)	1 YEAR	Sep			CR		✓		\$16,837
TRADES AND TECHNICAL									
Aircraft Structures Technician (AME-S)	1 YEAR	Sep			CR		✓	IETLS 6.0 all band, Math 11	\$19,999
Furniture Design and Joinery Certificate	1 YEAR	Sep			PA		✓		\$17,010

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		SEP	JAN	MAY					
TOURISM & HOSPITALITY - UNDERGRADUATE									
ADVENTURE GUIDING									
Adventure Guiding Certificate	1 YEAR	Sep			CV	✓		IELTS 6.0 all band, Math 11	\$19,120
Tourism & Hospitality Management Diploma Adventure Guiding Option	2 YEARS	Sep			CV	✓			\$22,232 (yr. 1) \$18,120 (yr. 2)
CULINARY ARTS									
Culinary Business Operations Certificate	1 YEAR	Sep			CR	✓		Math 10	\$17,480
Culinary Business Operations Diploma	2 YEARS	Sep			CR/PA	✓			\$17,030
TOURISM & HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT									
Tourism & Hospitality Management Certificate	1 YEAR	Sep	Jan		CV			Math 11	\$19,548
Tourism & Hospitality Management Diploma Hospitality Option	2 YEARS	Sep	Jan		CV	✓			\$20,660
Tourism & Hospitality Management Diploma Sustainable Tourism Option	2 YEARS	Sep	Jan		CV	✓			\$20,660
TOURISM & HOSPITALITY - GRADUATE									
TOURISM & HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT									
Global Tourism & Hospitality Management Advanced Certificate Graduate Program	2 YEARS	Sep	Jan		CV			Math 11, Diploma or Degree Completion	\$14,808
Global Tourism & Hospitality Management Advanced Diploma Graduate Program	2 YEARS	Sep	Jan		CV		✓		\$16,360
VISUAL ART, DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT - UNDERGRADUATE									
FINE ART									
Fine Arts Diploma	2 YEARS	Sep			CV			Portfolio, Written Statement	\$16,472
DIGITAL DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT									
Android Mobile Application Development Certificate	1 YEAR	Sep	Jan		CV				\$16,230
Web Design Fundamentals Certificate	1 YEAR	Sep	Jan		CV				\$16,193
Communication Design Diploma	2 YEARS	Sep	Jan		CV		✓		\$16,193
Web and Mobile Application Development Diploma	2 YEARS	Sep	Jan		CV		✓		\$16,218
Advanced Digital Design and Development Diploma - Development Stream	3 YEARS	Sep	Jan		CV		✓		\$16,205
Advanced Digital Design and Development Diploma - Design Stream	3 YEARS	Sep	Jan		CV		✓		\$16,193
VISUAL ART, DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT - GRADUATE									
DIGITAL Design + Development Post-Graduate Certificate Graduate Program	1 YEAR	Sep	Jan		CV			Degree Completion	\$16,205
DIGITAL Design + Development Post-Graduate Diploma Graduate Program	2 YEARS	Sep	Jan		CV		✓		\$16,205

ENTRANCE AWARDS

**English
Proficiency Award**
\$500 - \$1,500

**Language
Pathway Award**
\$1,000

**High School
Pathway Award**
\$1,000 - \$2,000

**Regional &
Pathway Awards**
\$500 - \$2,000

START AT NIC



AFTER 1 OR MORE YEARS, TRANSFER TO:

NIC'S UNIVERSITY DEGREE PARTNERS

GUARANTEED ADMISSION PARTNER:

UNIVERSITY of Victoria

DUAL ADMISSION PARTNERS:

UNBC

VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY

OTHER TRANSFERRING UNIVERSITIES:

UBC

SFU
SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

NIC'S UNIVERSITY DEGREE AND DOUBLE DEGREE PARTNERS OUTSIDE CANADA

MTU
Diplomai Technológiai és Műszaki Egyetem
Munster Technological University

UNIVERSITÉ SAVOIE MONT BLANC

ROBERT GORDON UNIVERSITY ABERDEEN

Portland State UNIVERSITY

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

EMILY CARR UNIVERSITY of ART + DESIGN

Alberta University of the Arts



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After finishing high school, I took a year off and decided I wanted to study abroad.

I considered studying in the United States, but Canada better suited my budget. Plus, I wanted to be close to nature and friendly people.”

- Natsuse Aramaki

Associate of Arts Degree, Psychology, transferring to University of Victoria

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I wanted a change and decided to study abroad.

I chose Canada over Australia due to the milder climate.

My schedule allows me to study and hold down a part-time sales job. I'm looking forward to next semester, when I also start a co-op term. 

- Sunny Thatur

Global Business Management, Post-Degree Diploma

WE'RE **HERE** FOR YOU

Let's start talking.

General questions study@nic.bc.ca

Country-specific questions

Southeast Asia: seasia@nic.bc.ca

Central & South America: americas@nic.bc.ca

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